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CAREER MIDLAND HEROIN DEALER SENTENCED TO LONG PRISON SENTENCE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Pedro Ybarra, 54, of Midland, Texas, was sentenced to 204 months in federal prison without parole as a consequence of his conviction for distribution of heroin. United States District Judge Robert Junell also sentenced Ybarra to serve 6 years of supervised release following his release from federal custody.

As part of his guilty plea on November 21, 2006, Ybarra admitted that on August 4, 2006, he sold three "papers" of heroin to a person who was working under the supervision and control of narcotics detectives.

Because Ybarra had been convicted in state court of delivery of heroin on five previous occasions, at sentencing Judge Junell determined that he was a Career Offender under the federal Sentencing Guidelines, thereby exposing him to a greatly enhanced range of punishment.

"As of today Mr. Ybarra's days as a heroin pedaler are over for good, stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton. Because of his repeated criminal behavior he has earned every day of this long sentence."

The case was investigated by the Midland Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Parras prosecuted on behalf of the Government."

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